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CELL FOR MEASURING THE ABILITY TO CONTROL

THE ACTIVITY OF A LIGAND-RESPONSIVE

TRANSCRIPTION CONTROL FACTOR

## REPLY AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

January 25, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Final Office Action dated September 25, 2001, the due date for reply being extended one (1) month to January 25, 2002 by petition herein, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

## IN THE CLAIMS

## Please amend the following claim:

Claim 2. (Amended) An animal cell expressing a gene coding ligand-responsive transcription control factor and securely

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